



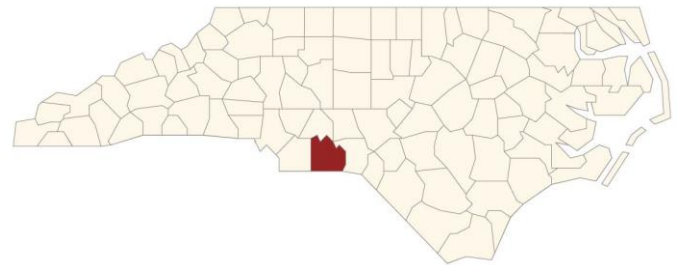
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Anson County

Anson County received more than \$38 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Alamance County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1579



New COPS:
2

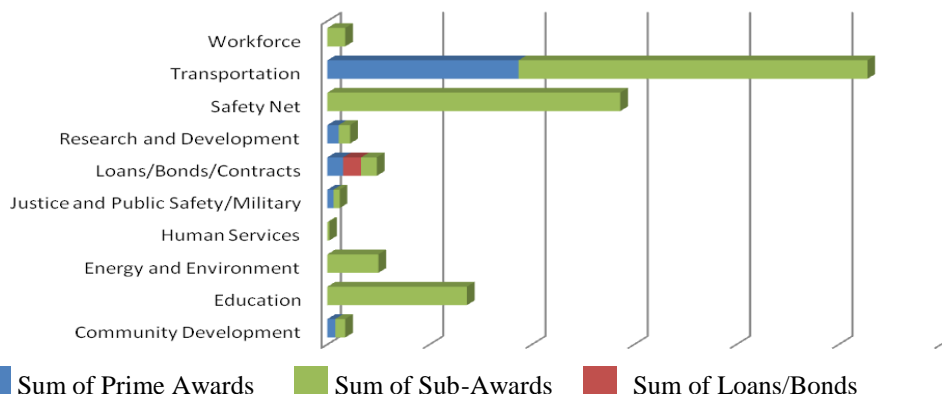


Appliances rebated:
52



Family homes financed:
9

Anson County Totals



Anson County,

pop 25,275 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$37,587,681.02

Loans: \$880,915.00

Total: \$38,468,596.02



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Anson County schools received more than \$7 million in education funding, including \$1 million in Special Education funds, \$1 million in Title I funds, \$2.7 million in SFSF funds.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Anson County, institutions received 1,579 students funded by Pell Grants, worth \$1.8 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Anson County, 9 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$880,000.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina

residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Anson County retailers sold 52 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Anson County, car dealers sold 2 cars worth almost \$300,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Anson County, the Town of Morven and the Wadesboro Police Department both received grants to fund 1 new officer through COPS. These grants are worth \$242,686. In addition, Anson County received two JAG awards worth more than \$50,000.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Anson County, the Anson County Government received one water and sewer grant worth almost \$2.5 million.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Anson County residents received more than \$10.5 Million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$2.5 Million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.3 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Anson County Feature Story

Anson County Schools improve performance with Recovery Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided billions of dollars to public schools to help keep teachers in the classroom, provide technical innovation, and provide additional funding to low-wealth and disadvantaged systems. The Department of Education utilized \$3.5 billion in Recovery Act Title I School Improvement Grants (SIGs) to turn around the nation's lowest performing schools. School districts competing for funds had the opportunity to choose from four different models to apply to schools receiving SIG awards: the turnaround model, the restart model, school closure, or the transformation model.

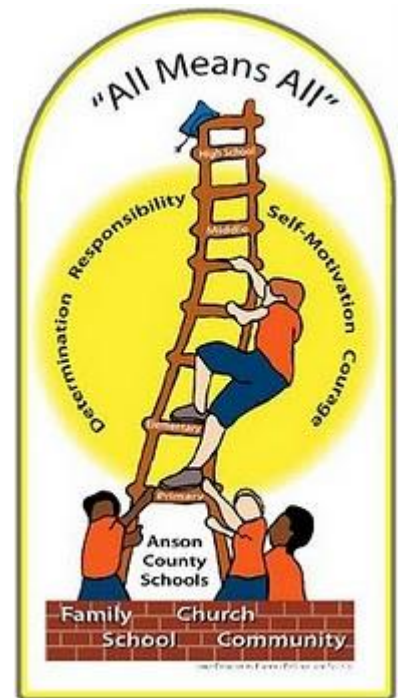


In North Carolina, 25 schools in 19 districts received a total \$65.4 million in Federal School Improvement Grant funding. These schools have the next three years to implement changes and improve student achievement.

State Superintendent June Atkinson said of the SIG program: "These schools serve some of our most vulnerable students, and they have been challenged to show the progress needed to ensure that students graduate with the 21st century skills to succeed. We are excited to see how this kind of intervention can make a difference in schools where a large percentage of the students are economically disadvantaged, or where many of the students have disabilities, or are at an increased risk for dropping out."

Anson County Schools received \$2,436,215 and chose the Restart Model to improve school performance. The Restart Model involves converting the school or closing and reopening it under a charter management organization or an education management organization and enrolling any former student who wishes to attend. Using this model, in mid-2010 Anson Challenge Academy was reconstituted as Anson Academy.

The school is currently beginning its transformation into a high achieving school. The student enrollment at the charter school has increased from 50 students at the beginning of the process to over 100 students. Average attendance rate for the new school is approximately 85 percent per day, up from an average of 76 percent in 2008. Principal Preston Waddell and Superintendent Gregory A. Firn continue to work closely as Anson Academy improves with the help of their School Improvement Grant.



Appendix, Anson County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$47,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	South Piedmont Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$880,915.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Anson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$90,439.30	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,476,363.05		
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Anson County Council On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Anson County Council On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Book Construction Co.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$42,414.28
		R. Black & Associates, LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$23,526.91
		Stogner Architecture, Pa	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$33,100.00
		The Anson Record	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$510.30
		Wadesboro Housing Authority	P	\$384,603.00		\$0.00	\$384,603.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Morven Town Hall	P	\$115,523.00		\$0.00	\$115,523.00
		Wadesboro, Town Of	P	\$127,163.00		\$0.00	\$127,163.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	Anson, County Of	P	\$25,381.00		\$0.00	\$25,381.00

	(JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government						
		Wadesboro, Town Of	P	\$27,449.00		\$0.00	\$27,449.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Morven Town Hall	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
		Wadesboro, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$10,502,160.10		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Anson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$2,438,190.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,809,659.46
		Boggs Paving, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,178,823.88
		Dane Construction, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$1,455,155.16	\$0.00	
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$3,386,116.00		\$0.00	\$3,386,116.00
				\$3,002,394.00		\$0.00	\$3,002,394.00
				\$2,874,117.00		\$0.00	\$2,874,117.00
				\$75,000.00		\$0.00	\$75,000.00
		Oglesby Construction, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$17,021.70
		Taylor's Landscaping Service	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$63,466.50
	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Anson Contractors, Inc	P	\$767,773.85		\$0.00	\$767,773.85
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Anson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$197,490.00	\$0.00	
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$25,774.14	\$0.00	
Health Resources and Services Administration	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Anson Regional Medical Services, Inc.	P	\$400,570.00		\$0.00	\$400,570.00
				\$156,034.00		\$0.00	\$156,034.00
Idaho Operations	Energy Efficient Appliance		P		\$8,054.25	\$0.00	

Office	Rebate Program (EEARP)					
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	School Improvement Grants, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$2,436,215.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$2,271,417.00	\$0.00
		South Piedmont Community College	S	\$0.00	\$481,378.17	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$599,888.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$968,767.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$34,194.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Anson County School System	S	\$0.00	\$869,822.00	\$0.00
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$1,334,750.00	
Grand Total				\$11,342,123.85	\$26,245,557.17	\$880,915.00
						\$17,510,646.88

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.